1	2	3	4
5.	Madhya Pradesh	1688.445	1266.33
6.	Maharashtra	4924.025	3693.01
13.	Meghalaya	575.238	431.43
12.	Nagaland	78.63	58.97
7.	Orissa	1232.363	924.27225
8.	Punjab	1085.5505	814.17
15.	Sikkim	12.48	9.36
9.	Uttar Pradesh	1795.33	1346.50
14.	West Bengal	5322.0595	3991.55
11.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	72.13	25.71*
10.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli		24.29@
17.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	44.90+	
	GRAND TOTAL	23726.081	17756.80225

@Funds released to AG, Gujarat towards reimbursement of expenditure incurred by Government of Gujarat for resurvey work in Dadra and Nagar Haveli during earlier years.

+ Funds under the relevant head stand released. Hence, 75% of the sanctioned amount *i.e.* Rs. 33.68 lakh is proposed to be released during the next financial year.

* Keeping in view the availability of funds under the relevant head, in place of Rs. 54.10 lakh, Rs. 25.71 lakh has been released.

Establishment of drinking water quality testing laboratories

979. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to establish drinking water quality testing laboratories in all districts of country;

(b) if so, the status thereof, with particular reference to the State of Gujarat;

(c) whether any proposal from the Government of Gujarat for establishment of water quality testing laboratory is pending for approval with the Ministry; and

(d) if so, since when and when it is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) As per the existing guidelines, Government of India is funding the State Governments for establishing district water quality testing laboratories, wherever such facility is not available in the districts.

(b) In Gujarat State, all the 25 districts have been sanctioned with one district water testing laboratory.

(c) No proposal from Government of Gujarat for establishment of water quality testing laboratories is pending with the Government of India.

(d) Does not arise.

Sale of acquired land to private companies

†980. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that land of farmers is acquired in various States and after the lapse of many years and achieving of the objectives of acquisition the land is not handed over to farmers after making it free from acquisition;

(b) whether at many places, such acquired land is being sold to big private establishments and companies by Government at high prices by charging its land use;

(c) whether Government proposes to bring any bill to protect the farmers from such exploitation by State Governments; and

(d) if so, the outline of the bill and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) Land and its management are under the exclusive legislative and administrative jurisdiction of the States as provided in Entry No. 18 of List II (State List) of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution. Acquisition of Agricultural Land for various projects of Union and State Governments is being done by the concerned State Governments. However, the Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development has formulated a revised National Rehabilitation and Resettlement Policy (NRRP), 2007, which was approved by the Cabinet on 11th October, 2007, and the same have been published in the Gazette of India dated 31st October, 2007.

The para 6.24.2 of the NRRP, 2007 provides that if land compulsorily acquired for a project or part thereof, remains unutilized for the project for a period of five years from the date of taking over the possession by the requiring body, the same shall revert to the possession and ownership of the appropriate Government without payment of any compensation or remuneration to the requiring body.

(c) and (d) It has also been decided to give a statutory backing to the National Rehabilitation and Resettlement Policy, 2007 (NRRP-2007). Accordingly, the Rehabilitation and Resettlement Bill, 2007 and The Land Acquisition (Amendment) Bill, 2007 have been developed on the lines of the provisions of the National Rehabilitation and Resettlement Policy, 2007 and have been introduced in the Parliament during Winter season of 2007. However, the Bills were referred to the Standing Committee on Rural Development. The Standing Committee has submitted its reports. The official amendment to these Bills have been developed by this Department in consultation with the Ministry of Law. These Bills were considered by the Cabinet and have been referred to the Group of Ministers for consideration.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.